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For: NETWORK NODE APPARATUS) Application Serial No. 08/766,959, filed
AND CONNECTION SET-UP) December 16, 1996
METHOD FOR SETTING UP CUT-)
THROUGH CONNECTION)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-22 and add new claims 23-26 as follows:

23. (New) A network node apparatus, comprising:

reception means configured to receive a packet from a source node
belonging to at least one logical network or an upper layer of the network node to a
destination node belonging to another logical network;